EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the

changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be

filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an

amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone

interview with Mr. Messinger on 7-14-08.

3.   The application has been amended as follows:

-**Specification, page 254, paragraph 2, lines 12-15,**

> **Deleting** "or a carrier wave or other signal carrying software over a
>
> communication path 526 (wireless link or cable) to communication
>
> interface 524. A computer usable medium can include magnetic
>
> media, optical media, or other recordable media, or media that
>
> transmits a carrier wave"

4.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 6-17, 19, the prior art fails to teach a system for

providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a packet-

switched network, comprising: a routing manager that manages usage on the

gateway server, wherein the routing manager comprises: maintaining means for

maintaining a list of routes; managing means for managing connections to the

routing servers on the network; "exporting means for exporting local routes to

routing servers; importing means for importing disseminated routes from

routing servers; and prioritizing means for prioritizing matching routes," which

is considered in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the

independent claim 6.

Regarding claims 25, 27, 28-30, the prior art fails to teach a system for

routing server, comprising: first receiving means for receiving exported local

routes from gateway servers, wherein said first receiving means for receiving

exported local routes includes: requesting means for requesting exportable

local routes from gateway servers; receiving means for receiving said

exportable local routes from gateway servers; "transforming means for

transforming said exportable local routed into dynamic routes on the routing

server; first storing means for storing said dynamic routes; second storing

means for storing static global and disseminated routes; first providing means

for providing said disseminated routes to gateway servers; determining means

for determining a matching route," which is considered in combination with

other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 25.

Regarding claims 40-44, 46-51, 53, the prior art fails to teach a method

of providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a packet-

switched network, comprising the steps of: managing route usage on the

gateway server with a routing manager, wherein managing route usage

includes: "exporting local routes to routing servers; importing disseminated

routes from routing servers; caching said static and said dynamic routes for

future use; and prioritizing matching routes," which is considered in

combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim

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Regarding claim 74, the prior art fails to teach a computer program

product for providing gateway services in a voice communication system over a

packet-switched network, said computer program product having computer

program code embodied in computer-readable medium, said computer

program code comprising: a third program code which causes means for

enabling a computer to manage route usage on a gateway server with a routing

manager including to: "export local routes to routing servers; disseminated

routes from routing servers; caching said static and said dynamic routes for

future use; and prioritize matching routes," which is considered in combination

with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim 74.

Regarding claim 90, the prior art fails to teach a computer program

product for providing routing services, said computer program product having

computer program code embodied in computer-readable medium, said

computer program code comprising: a third program code which causes means

for to request exportable local routes from gateway servers; a fourth program

code which causes a computer to receive said exportable local routes from

gateway servers; a fifth program code which causes a computer to transform

said exportable local routed into dynamic routes; a sixth program code which

causes a computer to store said dynamic routes; and a seventh program code

which causes a computer to update said dynamic routes," which is considered

in combination with other limitations, as specified as, in the independent claim

90.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no

later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly

labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications

from the examiner should be directed to PHUONGCHAU BA NGUYEN whose

telephone number is (571)272-3148. The examiner can normally be reached

on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

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